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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATES TO SEND INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO HAITI

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH MARTIN ENNALS (INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL --AI), AND ANDREW BLAINE AND MARGO PICKEN OF AI'S STAFF IN NYC, THEY TOLD MISOFF JANUARY 16 THAT AI WAS PURSUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOH TO SEND A HIGHLEVEL INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO HAITI. ENNALS WROTE PRESIDENT DUVALIER NOVEMBER 9 ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO SEND SUCH A MISSION, AND NEVER RECEIVED ANY REPLY. ON DECEMBER 21, ON THE EVE OF A TRIP TO THE US AND THE CARIBBEAN, ENNALS THEN SENT A TELEGRAM TO DUVALIER ASKING FOR AN INTERVIEW IN EARLY JANUARY. AGAIN IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY RESPONSE, THE WASHINGTON AI OFFICE THEN CALLED THE HAITIAN AMBASSADOR IN DC ON JANUARY 4, WHO REPLIED THAT SUCH A VISIT BY ENNALS AT THIS TIME WAS "INOPPORTUNE, " BECAUSE THE GOH WAS NEGOTIATING WITH THE OAS OVER A VISIT BY THE INTER AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (IACHR) AND TWO SUCH VISITS MIGHT BE "IN CONFLICT."

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2. THE HAITIAN AMBASSADOR CRITICIZED AI FOR NOT NOTING THE "POSITIVE STEPS" THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE GOH IN RECENT MONTHS, AND LISTED FIVE SUCH STEPS. BUT HE ALSO OFFERED TO SUPPORT TO HIS PRESIDENT THE IDEA OF SUCH A MISSION BY AI TO HAITI, AND OFFERED TO HANDLE THE NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH THE WASHINGTON EMBASSY WITH THE

LOCAL AI OFFICE.

3. ENNALS WILL BE IN DC JANUARY 17 AND 81, AND IS
SCHEDULED TO VISIT WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN NYC ON
JANUARY 19, WHEN HE MAY RAISE THE QUESTION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS IN HAITI AGAIN.
YOUNG

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